GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1531
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2005
SHIFTING OF SAI OFFICE
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the office of Sports Authority of India has been shifted from Chandigarh and its name has also been changed;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the date when the decision was taken to shift the SAI office from Chandigarh and change its name and the date of actual shifting;

(d) whether in the process, the importance of Chandigarh as the capital of Punjab and Haryana and an excellent education city has been compromised;

(e) whether the premises at the new place are not adequate to house the office and is also located in an unconducive environment; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a)to(c): The Government Body of Sports Authority of India (SAI) approved the proposal to shift and rename the SAI Northern Regional Centre in 2001. The reason for this decision was non-availability of sufficient vacant land and associated infrastructure for the Centre at Chandigarh. The Centre has been shifted to Sonepat though the formal notification by the Government is yet to be issued.

(d)&(e): No. Sir.

(f) Does not arise.